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206. The method of claim 205, further comprising the step of combining the implant with at least one of bone, bone morphogenetic proteins, hydroxyapatite, and genes coding for the production of bone.

207. The method of claim 126, wherein the step of providing the implant includes providing an implant having at least one opening in each of the upper and lower surfaces in communication with one another, the openings being configured to permit for the growth of bone from vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body through the implant.

208. The method of claim 207, further comprising the step of combining the implant with at least one of bone, bone morphogenetic proteins, hydroxyapatite, and genes coding for the production of bone.

209. The method of claim 207, wherein the step of providing the implant includes providing an implant having an internal chamber between the upper and lower surfaces and in communication with the at least one opening in each of the upper and lower surfaces, the internal chamber being adapted to contain bone growth promoting materials.

210. The method of claim 209, further comprising the step of combining the implant with at least one of bone, bone morphogenetic proteins, hydroxyapatite, and genes coding for the production of bone.--.